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SUBJECT: REPORTED GOI CARGO PREFERENCE REQUIREMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 119561 (B) BOMBAY 1208 (C) MADRAS 790

- 1. INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAS SINCE AT LEAST THE EARLY 1970'S PURSUED A POLICY OF EXPANDING THE NATIONAL TANKER FLEET IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF MOVING 100 PERCENT OF CRUDE OIL IMPORTS ON INDIAN BOTTOMS. ACCORDING TO A MINISTRY OF SHIPPING OFFICIAL, 90 PERCENT OF OIL IMPORTS ARE CURRENTLY BEING HANDLED BY INDIAN TANKERS.
- 2. THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY WAS LAID OUT IN THE DRAFT FIFTH FIVE YEAR PLAN PUBLISHED IN 1973. THE PLAN SET A TANKER TONNAGE TARGET FOR INDIAN FY 1978-79 (APRIL-MARCH) AT 1.37 MILLION GRT. DRAFT PLAN STATES,. "WITH THE ATTAINMENT OF THE SHIPPING TONNAGE TARGETS ENVISAGED FOR THE FIFTH PLAN, THE INDIAN SHIPPING TONNAGE WOULD BE ADEQUATE TO CARRY 100 PERCENT OF COUNTRY' OVERSEAS TRADE IN CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. "A STATEMENT OF THIS GOAL DID NOT APPEAR IN THE FINAL PLAN, BUT ONLY BECAUSE DOCUMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS MUCH REDUCED IN SIZE AND COVERAGE OF DETAIL. A REVISED TARGET FOR TANKER TONNAGE WAS SET AT 1.04 MILLION GRT BECAUSE OF THE DROP IN PROJECTED CRUDE OIL IMPORTS.

3. TANKER TONNAGE AT THE TIME THE DRAFT PLAN WAS FORMULATED WAS 0.259 MILLION GRT. THE GOVERNMENT WAS AT THAT TIME IN THE PROCESS OF ORDERING THREE VLCC'S FOR A TOTAL

OF ABOUT 800 DWT REPEAT DWT. THOSE ORDERS WERE SCALED DOWN, BUT AS OF APRIL 1, 1976, TANKER TONNAGE HAD ALREADY INCREASED TO 1.01 GRT. REVISED TARGET OF 1.04 GRT WAS ACHIEVED BY JANUARY 1, 1978.
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